

steel industry workers facing company bankruptcies, with hundreds of thousands of people losing their jobs, this Congress, at the behest of the Republican leadership, the President and America's largest corporations, this Congress passed something called Trade Promotion Authority, which simply will send more of our jobs to Latin America and more of our jobs to developing countries around the world.

My dad used to talk about World War II and shared sacrifice, about war bonds and WAVES and WACs, about victory gardens and scrap metal drives. But this Republican Congress and this President do not know much about shared sacrifice. Instead, they demand tax cuts for IBM, General Electric and American Airlines, while doing absolutely nothing for 100,000 laid-off airline workers. Instead of shared sacrifice, this Republican Congress and this President demand of Congress that we pass Trade Promotion Authority while doing little to provide public investments for broken-down schools, while doing little to help starved public health infrastructure, while doing little to help our woefully inadequate rail system.

Imagine, Mr. Speaker, if the President and the Republican Congress called on us, like FDR did in World War II, called on the Congress and the American people for shared sacrifice. Imagine if the President called on young, patriotic Americans to enlist in the Army or the Peace Corps, to enlist in the Navy or AmeriCorps, to enlist in the Air Force, or teach for America. That is what waving the American flag is all about.

Imagine if the President said to his friends in the drug industry, no more special favors. We are not going to allow drug companies to charge American consumers and America's elderly more for prescription drugs than anywhere else in the world. Imagine. That is what waving the American flag is all about.

Imagine if the President called on America to volunteer for Meals on Wheels or clean up their neighborhoods or to tutor children who are having difficulty keeping up. Imagine. That is what waving the American flag is all about.

Imagine if the President would say to his friends in the oil business, we are going to wean ourselves off Middle Eastern oil. We are going to find a way to help Americans conserve and get better gas mileage. Imagine. That is what waving the American flag is all about.

Instead of this Republican President and Republican leadership in this House bestowing tax cuts on the wealthiest Americans, imagine if we helped those who needed it the most, laid-off workers, people without health insurance, children sentenced to inferior schools. Instead of the Republican

President and the leadership in this Congress bestowing tax cuts on the largest corporations in the world in this country, imagine instead if they appealed to the best in America. Imagine.

PASS ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, while Congress fiddles with the details of an economic stimulus package, the dreams of many American families burn. I rise today to urge my colleagues to move an economic stimulus package through the Congress this week.

I believe serving an agricultural and industrial district of eastern Indiana, that Americans and Hoosiers are hurting at this especially poignant time of the year. Since arriving in Congress in March, I have maintained that for my district and citizens we have been in a recession since the first of the year. Before summer of this year, nearly 3,000 Hoosiers lost their jobs in my district alone, and the events of September 11 have only exacerbated the problem.

I submit today, as someone who has in fact lost a job over the Christmas holidays myself, that it is especially burdensome on families to do so, and it is an especially grievous state of affairs. Jim and Eileen Decker of Goehring's Mens Shop in Anderson, Indiana, are closing the door of their Main Street store after 55 years of business due to downturns in the local Anderson economy. Delco Remy America, which is located in Anderson, has announced over 200 layoffs. J.J. and Jodi Leever and their sons, Noah and Hunter, are part of the many families who will be gathered around the tree one week from today, not just filled with the joy of the moment, but filled with the uncertainty these economic times bring.

Yet we in Congress today continue to languish, continue to debate one with another, sometimes in demagogic tones and sometimes in legitimate ways, about whether or not we can pass an economic stimulus package this week. On behalf of J.J. and Jodi Leever, and the many families of eastern Indiana, I urge my colleagues to act, but not as the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) just spoke moments ago, not simply in a way that is focused on the wage earner who finds themselves in dire circumstances.

Mr. Speaker, we must have, if it is to be an economic stimulus package, it must benefit not just the wage earner but the wage payer; and we must no longer tolerate the anti-capitalistic rhetoric that says that it is appro-

priate for leaders in this institution only to assist the wage earner once he finds himself out of gainful employment, and never to come alongside the wage payer, never to provide assistance to businesses small and large, and permit them to bring those families back to work.

Mr. Speaker, it is accurate to say the best welfare program in the world is a good job. The Republican leadership here in the Congress passed an economic stimulus package that, yes, reinforces the safety net to assist Americans through rebates and low-income benefits, assist Americans who are struggling. But we also passed tax relief to working families, small businesses, and even large corporations to say we want to reinvigorate Americans in these difficult and uncertain economic times, to bring those Hoosiers and bring those Americans back to work and back to gainful employment.

There is talk on the editorial pages and in the hallways of this institution that we are about to give birth to an economic stimulus package that has very little stimulus to it at all. It seems to be developing into a potpourri of giveaways to moderate- and low-income and unemployed Americans while turning a deaf ear and a stiff arm to the wage payer in America.

I submit today that thanks to President Bush's foresight in arguing through this institution a tax relief this summer, this economy is already improving. We will find our way out with or without an economic stimulus package from our present malaise. But the reality is that this institution should heed the advice of many who have gone before, pro-growth conservatives like Jack Kemp and others; and we should go big or go home. We should either pass an economic stimulus package that truly speeds relief and invigorates the American economy at every level, for the wage earner and the wage payer, or we should just go home and enjoy our families over Christmas and be confident that this economic ship will right itself. I urge my colleagues to move on a real bill with real substance and real stimulative effect. Let us go big, Mr. Speaker, or let us go home.

U.S. TERRITORIES IN DIRE NEED OF ECONOMIC STIMULUS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, the gentleman from Guam (Mr. UNDERWOOD) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, today as the House considers yet another version of the economic stimulus package, and while House and Senate negotiators continue to work out a potential agreement with the President, I would like again to speak on behalf of my home island of Guam and the U.S.